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Consumer Price Index

February 2016

Overview

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in February rose 2.0% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.4% for Canada, 1.3% for Edmonton, and 1.3% for Whitehorse.

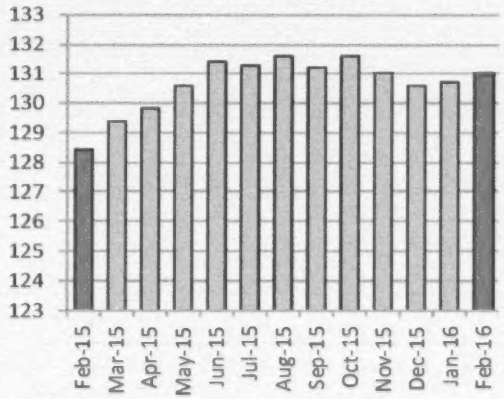
ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)

				% Change from		12-Month Average		
	16-Feb	16-Jan	15-Feb	16-Jan	15-Feb	15-Mar 16-Feb	14-Mar 15-Feb	% Change
Yellowknife	131.0	130.7	128.4	0.2	2.0	130.9	128.6	1.8
Canada	127.1	126.8	125.4	0.2	1.4	126.9	125.4	1.2
Edmonton	133.3	133.4	131.6	-0.1	1.3	133.8	132.0	1.4
Whitehorse	123.7	124.1	122.1	-0.3	1.3	124.5	124.1	0.3

Compared to February 2015, consumer prices increased in Yellowknife for most major components with the exception of shelter and health & personal care. Higher prices for food (6.2%) and clothing & footwear (6.2%), were offset by lower prices for fuel oil and other fuels (-19.9%) and gasoline (-13.1%).

As the graph shows, month over month prices have been relatively stable since June 2015. Between January and February 2016 there was a 0.2% increase in Yellowknife. Contributing to this monthly change were price increases for food and recreation, education and reading. The price for energy products, which includes gasoline, fuel oil and other fuels, decreased 4.4% between January and February 2016.

CPI - Yellowknife
February 2015 to February 2016



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Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	16-Feb	16-Jan	15-Feb	% Change from 16-Jan	% Change from 15-Feb
All Items	131.0	130.7	128.4	0.2	2.0
Food	145.5	143.2	137.0	1.6	6.2
Food from Stores	146.0	143.1	136.4	2.0	7.0
Food from Restaurants	141.8	141.8	137.6	-	3.1
Shelter	149.1	149.7	150.0	-0.4	-0.6
Water, Fuel & Electricity	177.4	180.7	190.3	-1.8	-6.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.4	114.2	112.4	0.2	1.8
Household Operations	122.8	121.8	121.6	0.8	1.0
Household Furnishings	96.7	98.1	93.5	-1.4	3.4
Clothing & Footwear	101.4	100.2	95.5	1.2	6.2
Clothing	92.5	91.9	88.3	0.7	4.8
Footwear	93.7	95.1	93.4	-1.5	0.3
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	153.5	145.7	128.7	5.4	19.3
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	110.4	110.4	111.1	-	-0.6
Transportation	122.8	124.1	118.8	-1.0	3.4
Private Transportation	121.9	123.5	117.0	-1.3	4.2
Public Transportation	129.3	129.5	128.2	-0.2	0.9
Health & Personal Care	119.5	121.2	119.8	-1.4	-0.3
Health Care	115.6	116.8	116.0	-1.0	-0.3
Personal Care	123.3	125.5	123.7	-1.8	-0.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	103.3	101.2	101.3	2.1	2.0
Recreation	98.8	96.4	96.9	2.5	2.0
Education & Reading	130.1	130.3	127.3	-0.2	2.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	165.9	165.0	165.9	0.5	-
Alcoholic Beverages	144.6	144.2	149.0	0.3	-3.0
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	193.4	191.6	185.0	0.9	4.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
All-Items Excluding:					
Food	128.5	128.5	126.8	-	1.3
Energy	128.3	127.5	124.3	0.6	3.2
Shelter	123.3	122.7	119.4	0.5	3.3
Alcoholic Beverages	130.7	130.4	127.9	0.2	2.2
Tobacco Products	129.9	129.6	127.3	0.2	2.0
Housing (1986 Definition)	138.5	138.8	138.1	-0.2	0.3
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	153.8	160.9	171.3	-4.4	-10.2
Electricity	188.0	188.0	189.4	-	-0.7
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	178.1	189.2	222.3	-5.9	-19.9
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	112.8	123.4	129.8	-8.6	-13.1
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Notes:

1. Source: Statistics Canada
2. CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centres are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.